

REMARKS

Claims 32-55 and 74-76 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of October 25, 2004, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Informalities

The disclosure is objected to because of misspelling of "electroluminophores" on page 5 and 8. This self-evident typographical error has been corrected in the instant amendment.

Claims 32 and 66 are objected to because of informalities. The period after "sulfide" has been deleted by the present amendment. Claim 66 has been cancelled.

Art Rejections

Claim 68 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Hase et al.

As the present amendment cancels claim 68, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 69 and 71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patents 4,508,760 and 5,244,750.

As the present amendment cancels claims 69 and 71, this rejection is now moot.

Claim 68 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. patent 6,077,458.

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As the present amendment cancels claim 68, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 56, 58, 66-71 and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,077,458.

As the present amendment cancels claims 56, 58, and 66-73, this rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 32-55 are allowable over the cited art of record. Claims 59 and 72 are allowable since there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited art of zinc sulfide electroluminophores coated with a protective layer consisting of an inner metal oxide film and an outer silicon nitrate film.

Claims 59 and 72 have now been rewritten as claims 74-76.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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